

16th January 2018 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Tincum Township Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on the above date and time at 629 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Essington, PA 19029. Township Engineer James MacCombie was absent from this meeting. Mr. Herbert MacCombie was present representing the Township Engineer's Office. Vice President, Dennis Arthur was also absent. Thomas J. Giancristoforo, President presiding:

Patrick McCarthy, Commissioner

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Pat Barr, Commissioner

Sam Auslander, Esq.

Herbert MacCombie, P.E.

David Schreiber, Manager

Elaine M. Brolley, Secretary

President Giancristoforo called the meeting to order, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation

Father Anthony Orth from St. Gabriel's Catholic Church gave the Invocation

On A Motion by Pat Barr seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the December 2017 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo reported that all members had received copies of the December 2017 Treasurer's and Secretary's report of Receipts. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Pat Barr, seconded by Lisa Edmiston, the reports were accepted and approved as submitted, by a unanimous voice vote.

President Giancristoforo asked for a motion to pay bills for the month of January 2018. The bill list for January will be submitted to the Board members at the end of the month. There being no questions:

On A Motion by Pat Barr, seconded by Pat McCarthy, the bill list will be paid for the month of January 2018 by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item Comments

Mr. Zurdi Dobi of Powhattan Avenue stated that he is in fear of his life because of the way he was treated all year.

Regarding Item # 13, Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for Improvements to Governor Printz Park, Mr. Zurdi Dobi asked what the cost would be. The Board responded that the bid amount is \$2.344 million, but may be less. Mr. Dobi objected to the estimated cost of the project and stated that the maintenance costs were never discussed.

Mr. Dobi objected to Item #7, Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences citing the estimated cost of \$5000.

Mr. Dobi asked the Township Solicitor to report on any Executive Sessions the Board may have had. Mr. Auslander responded that the announced Executive Session at the end of the Commissioner's Workshop Meeting was not held.

Mr. Art Perdun of S. Gov Printz Blvd voiced his concerns about the construction and equipment just outside his residence that involved the Township's recent sewer repair project. Mr. Perdun also objected to the Board proceeding with Item #7.

ADMINISTRATION, LAW, ORDINANCE, PUBLIC SAFETY & FINANCE

Thomas J. Giancristoforo Jr., Chairman

Attendance at Annual Seminars and Conferences

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the attendance of appropriate Township Officials at various County and Statewide seminars and conferences during calendar year 2018 at an approximate total cost of \$5,000.

Advertisement in Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners Annual Yearbook

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the purchase of a Township Advertisement in the annual Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners yearbook at a cost of approximately \$300.

Transfer of Funds from the General Account to the Sewer Account

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to make semi-annual transfers of funds from the Township General Operating Fund account to the Sewer Account to cover associated debt service and administrative expenses. Said semi-annual transfers are in the amount of \$325,000.

Appointment of Carol Kalesnik, Linda Bernauer and Judith Harley as alternate Crossing Guards at a rate of \$12.50 per hour

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to appoint Carol Kalesnik, Linda Bernauer and Judith Harley as alternate Crossing Guards at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Release # 10 to Wu and Associates for Work Completed on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release # 10 in the amount of \$189,176.22 to Wu & Associates for the work to date on the Restoration of the Lazaretto Building. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and Township Engineer.

Release #2 to AmazaScapes, LLC for the Veterans Memorial Park

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to approve Release #2 in the amount of \$16,490.47 to AmazaScapes, LLC for the work to date on the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park at 4th Ave. and North Governor Printz Blvd. Said release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Project Architect and Township Engineer.

Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for Improvements to Governor Printz Park

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Barr, the Board unanimously voted via roll call vote to issue a Notice of Intent to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder Apostle Construction Inc., of Lester, PA to construct the proposed improvements to Governor Printz Park. The project includes the construction of a band shell, gazebos, tot-lot playground areas, walking trail, and other amenities.

Code Enforcement Report – December 2017

December: The Code Enforcement Officer Issued:

08 Certificates of Occupancies for a total of **\$1,150.00**

10 Building Permits for a total of **\$16,185.50**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND BUILDINGS

Patrick K. McCarthy, Chairman

POLICE REPORT – December 2017

Township Fines: **\$5,768.03**. Of that amount, a total of **\$285.45** was Parking Tickets.

The department handled **536** incidents and made **40** criminal arrests.

37 of those criminal arrests were adults

3 of those criminal arrests were juveniles.

3 of the juveniles was handled within the Department and Released

0 animals were taken into custody

FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:

Fire Company Report – December 2017

Building Fire – 7

Gas Leak – 1

Assist EMS - 4

AFA – 7

MVA – 8

Vehicle Fire – 1

Brush Fire – 10

MVA w/Entrapment – 3

Gas Leak – 1

Fuel Spill – 1

CO Alarm – 1

Service Call – 1

Cover Assignment - 4

Total Incident Count – 39

Total Time of Calls by Incident

Total Time of all Calls: 66:39:00 Overall avg. Time: 00:26:58

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 9

Fire Company Report for Year 2017

Fire, Other – 1

Building Fire – 84

Trash or Rubbish Fire - 1

Vehicle Fire – 17

Road Freight Vehicle Fire – 2

Brush Fire – 2

Dumpster Fire – 1

Assist EMS – 26

MVA – 123

Extrication, Rescue, Other - 1

MVA w/Entrapment – 16

Elevator Rescue – 2

Industrial Rescue – 1

Water Rescue – 15

Gas Leak – 15

Fuel Spill – 7

CO Alarm – 12

Service Call – 2

Assist Police – 5

Cover Assignment – 14

Wires – 10

False Call – 4

Investigation – 1

AFA - 110

Total Incident Count: 481

Total Time of Calls By Incident

Total time of all calls: 782:25:00 Overall avg time: 10:44:39

Average Turnout Per Incident

Average Turnout: 9

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jonathan Buschmeier

T.T.F.C.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT – December 2017

12/6/2017 Witnessed fire alarm acceptance test on BP-229-2017, Suite 118 International Plaza II.

12/7/2017 Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference Region I meeting and class on egress.

12/11 - 14/2017 Attended a four-day course on the International Fire Code in Lancaster, PA.

12/20/2017 Witnessed a fire alarm acceptance test on BP-196-17 and a Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System acceptance test at the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), Terminal A, Gachi House of Sushi & Noodles.

12/27/2017 Met with PHL Personnel and contractors on the upcoming fire alarm panel change out and the adverse effect on the elevator recalls.

12/28/2017 Did a walk through Terminal A East with PHL Department of Aviation and contractor personnel to identify fire alarm devices to be tested for an upcoming fire alarm panel change-out. This would be the first panel to be changed out.

12/29/2017 Reviewed and approved BP-243-2017 Relation of 9 sprinklers in International Plaza II Suite 325.

There have been a number of emails and telephone calls on the upcoming fire alarm panel change out at PHL.

There have also been several phone calls and emails on upcoming the PHL Tank Farm Project.

Raymond Lanabaugh

Fire Marshal

Assistant Code Enforcement

PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS, AND RAILROADS

Lisa Edmiston, Chairman

➤ **November 2017:**

Salt Spreader serviced in house
Line striping completed
Town Hall decorated for the Holidays

Trash removal for the month of November 2017:

Regular trash – 159.58 tons
Heavy trash – 4.78 tons
Recyclables – 25.34 tons
White goods – 7 pcs.
Leaves – 42.35 tons

➤ **December 2017**

Repairs made to snow equipment

Snow on December 9th – 80 man hours – 35 tons of salt

Trash Removal for the month of December 2017

Regular trash – 132.91 tons
Heavy trash – 8.31 tons
Recyclables – 5.77 tons
White goods – 2 pcs.
Leaves – 32.52 tons

➤ **2017 YEARLY REPORT**

Trash Removal TOTALS for the YEAR 2017

Regular trash – 2,014.52 tons
Heavy Trash – 125.53 tons
Recyclables – 240.09 tons
White goods – 59 pcs.
Yard waste – 36.04 tons
Leaves – 74-87 tons

**Respectfully Submitted,
Walter E. Lee, Superintendent
Highway Department**

SANITATION

Dennis R. Arthur, Chairman

Tinicum Township Wastewater Treatment

Monthly Report for December 2017

Total: 2,967,000 gallons

Average: .960 GPD

Total Sludge: 12,600 gallons

Total Methane Gas: 121,124 cubic feet

Average cu ft 3,907

Sludge Hauled: 12,600 gals % solids 1.90

Sewer Complaint:

12/2017 420 N. Governor Printz Blvd., Mr. Seymour sewer backup, not Tinicum problem. Instructed Mr. Seymour to have it TV and must likely it at repair that Aqua did when 30 inch main was installed. Herbie said he would handle it.

Equipment Repairs:

12/2017 Installed new magnesium pump

Operation Problems:

12/2017 Code weather effecting Equipment operations

Miscellaneous items:

09/2017 Serviced all police vehicles, treatment plant vehicles and all police vehicles.

Robert J. Bernauer

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Pat Barr, Chairman

Board of Health / Recreation - December, 2017

Mr. Barr reported that hockey and basketball have begun and thanked Commissioner McCarthy and Sergeant Simpkins for volunteering as coaches.

Mr. Barr thanked the Board of Commissioners for getting the Governor Printz Park project going and for the Board's pursuit of getting the Second Street Park project on the drawing board. Mr. Barr stated the goal is to make the riverfront more attractive and stated there are currently 9 musical events that take place at Governor Printz Park annually.

Solicitor's Report: Sam Auslander, Esquire

Mr. Auslander reported that the Board continues to pursue homes that are out of compliance with property maintenance regulations and to place liens on properties that wind up being attended to by the Township. Mr. Auslander stated that Express Park is trending to complete their pending Land Development plans and reported that Golden Marina has applied for various permits to resolve their non-compliance issues at their property.

Engineer's Report: Herbert MacCombie, P.E.

Mr. Herb MacCombie remarked that at the Workshop Meeting, Mr. James MacCombie provided information on the number and amounts of payment releases to Wu and Associates for work done on the Lazaretto Building. Mr. MacCombie stated that sewer work on South Governor Printz Blvd is ongoing and is expected to be done in approximately 60 days, depending on the winter weather.

Mr. MacCombie stated he has spoken to Aqua, PA, Inc. about the recent water main breaks affecting township residents and the Board's concern with maintaining service. On a different subject, Mr. MacCombie stated that Aqua, PA, Inc is prepared to route new water main service around Second Street in Lester within the next several weeks.

Manager's Report: David D. Schreiber

Mr. Schreiber reported that the Boy Scout Winter Survival outing that was scheduled for the weekend of Jan 5-6 was postponed because of inclement weather to the alternate weekend of Jan 13-14. The Township Manager thanked Arthur J. Gallagher's office for their assistance in insuring the event. Mr. Schreiber reported that a leak in the library roof was reported at the beginning of the week of Jan 8 and repaired later that same week. Tax records from the County are available to the Township Tax Collector this week and bills are expected to be mailed within approximately 2 weeks.

Secretary's Correspondence

Ms. Brolley stated there was nothing this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Edmiston to adjourn the business portion of this meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment:

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue, suggested that certain payments for the repairs to the Lazaretto Building to Wu & Associates were not approved by the Commissioners. The Township Manager stated that the payment Mr. Dobi is referencing is in fact included in the November 2016 meeting minutes.

Mr. Dobi referenced a newspaper advertisement of the Township's 2018 budget and stated that the referenced ordinance was not advertised.

Regarding the Township efforts to make its riverfront parks and property more attractive to Township residents, Mr. Dobi referenced the Riverfront Ramble sponsored by the County some years ago and noted it had cease to be held. Mr. Dobi expressed his concern about maintenance costs for the properties.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

ON A MOTION by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Brolley

Township Secretary

